

REMARKS

Claims 1, 22-37, and 41-60 are in the application.

Claims 1 and 55 have been amended based on the disclosure at page 12, line 35 to page 13, line 5. Claim 1 has also been amended to incorporate proper Markush language.

Claim 45 has been amended to depend from Claim 1.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 22-37, and 41-60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vogel et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,532,023. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 1 has been amended to specify certain salts as a material for component (B). As for Claim 1, Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest wrinkle reducing compositions comprising a material selected from certain salts, uncomplexed cyclodextrin, and lubricants, as required in Claim 1 of the present application. Claim 45 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. As for Claim 46, Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest a method of reducing both wrinkles and odors using a composition comprising a wrinkle reducing active and uncomplexed cyclodextrin. As for Claim 53, Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest the certain choline esters as recited in Claim 53. Claim 53 requires that, when present, the choline esters have a specific structure as defined in Claim 53, which is not taught or suggested by Vogel et al. Applicants therefore submit that Claims 1, 22-37, and 41-60 are clearly patentable over Vogel et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 1, 22, 23, 26-37, 41-44, and 50-60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trinh et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,578,563. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Trinh et al. relate to aqueous compositions for reducing malodor impression. Trinh et al. do not teach or suggest that its compositions reduce wrinkles. As such, Trinh et al. do not teach or suggest wrinkle reducing compositions that comprise a wrinkle reducing active. Trinh et al. further do not teach or suggest wrinkle reducing actives comprising a nonionic polyhydric alcohol humectant and a water-soluble wetting agent selected from the group consisting of cationic surfactant, non-alkoxylated nonionic surfactant, and anionic surfactant, as presently claimed. Applicants therefore submit that Claims 1, 22, 23, 26-37, 41-44, and 50-60 are patentable over Trinh et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 1, 22, 23, 26-37, and 41-60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trinh et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,968,404 ("Trinh '404"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The present application is a 371 National Stage entry of International Application PCT/US98/08127 filed April 27, 1998 designating the US. The present application thus has an effective US filing date of April 27, 1998. Since Trinh '404 issued after the effective filing date of the present application and has the same filing date as the present application (April 27, 1998), it is not available as a prior art reference to support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants thus submit that a rejection based upon Trinh '404 is improper. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1, 22, 23, 26-37, and 41-60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trinh et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,001,343 ("Trinh '343"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As noted above, the present application is a 371 National Stage entry of International Application PCT/US98/08127 filed April 27, 1998 designating the US. The present application thus has an effective US filing date of April 27, 1998. As with Trinh '404, Trinh '343 issued after the effective filing date of the present application and has the same filing date as the present application (April 27, 1998). Trinh '343 is therefore not available as a prior art reference to support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants thus submit that a rejection based upon Trinh '343 is improper. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 45 and 55 have been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A wrinkle reducing composition, comprising:

- A. a wrinkle reducing active, comprising a nonionic polyhydric alcohol humectant and a water-soluble wetting agent selected from the group consisting of a cationic surfactant, a non-alkoxylated nonionic surfactant, and an anionic surfactant; [and]
- C. at least one material selected from the group consisting of [a] :
 - a salt having the formula: AM, wherein A is a cation selected from the group consisting of sodium, calcium, potassium, and magnesium, and M is an anion selected from the group consisting of sulfate, chloride, nitrate, carbonate, borate, and carboxylate [.] ;
 - uncomplexed cyclodextrin[.] ; and
 - a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a water-insoluble cationic softener, nonionic softener selected from cyclomethicones, fatty acid esters of mono- or polyhydric alcohols or anhydride thereof containing from 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and
- C. a liquid aqueous carrier.

45. (Twice Amended) A method for reducing or removing wrinkles on fabrics which comprises the steps of contacting the fabrics with a composition according to Claim 1 [comprising

- A. a wrinkle reducing active, comprising a nonionic polyhydric alcohol humectant and a water-soluble wetting agent selected from a cationic surfactant, a non-alkoxylated nonionic surfactant and an anionic surfactant; and
- B. a liquid aqueous carrier].

55. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 53, wherein said composition further comprises a salt having the formula: AM, wherein A is a cation selected from the group consisting of sodium, calcium, potassium, and magnesium, and M is an anion selected from the group consisting of sulfate, chloride, nitrate, carbonate, borate, and carboxylate.